

Patent Claims

1. A method for providing resources in communication networks,
 - 5 having communication components (A, B1 - B6, C1 - C6, D1 - D6) which use resources in the network and/or which provide resources in the network for use, where the resources are provided by a piece of software running on the communication components (A, B1 -
 - 10 B6, C1 - C6, D1 - D6), and where the software accesses the hardware of the communication components (A, B1 - B6, C1 - C6, D1 - D6),
 - characterized
 - 15 in that a service, upon use of a resource on a first communication component (D1) by a second communication component (A), checks this second communication component (A) for whether this second communication component (A) can also provide this resource, and
 - 20 in that if the result of the check is positive it initiates the transfer of this software from the first communication component (D1) to the second communication component (A) and provides the resource for use.
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2. The method as claimed in claim 1,
 - characterized
 - in that the service is installed as software on the communication component (A, B1 - B6, C1 - C6, D1 - D6)
 - 30 which is to be checked.

3. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
characterized
in that the software for resources which are used
5 rarely or not at all is deactivated or uninstalled and
is reactivated or reinstalled when needed again.
4. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
10 characterized
in that software is transferred on the basis of
authorizations and/or limiting.
5. The method as claimed in claim 4,
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in that the authorizations are provided by the user of
the communication component (D1) which transfers the
software and/or by the user of the communication
component (A) which receives the software.
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6. The method as claimed in claim 4 or 5,
characterized
in that the limiting is provided by a prescribed
maximum number of software licenses on the software
25 which is to be transferred.

7. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
characterized

5 in that the service formed by a piece of software with
a first release compares the release upon finding a
second service of the same type which is formed by a
piece of software with a second release and, if the
releases are different, initiates the transfer of the
10 software with the more up-to-date release to the
communication component (A, B1 - B6, C1 - C6, D1 - D6)
having the software with the earlier release and uses
the transferred software to update the software with
the earlier release there.

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8. The method as claimed in one of the preceding claims,
characterized

in that the service forms the check automatically at
20 regular intervals of time and/or whenever a resource is
used and/or after manual activation.